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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30,
CORNHILL. GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Hol-
born Hill, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co.,
4 Old Jewry, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally:—WHITE & BAUER, San
Francisco.

CHINA:—Swatow, DROWN & Co. Amoy,
GUTH & Co. Foochow, THOMPSON &
Co. Shanghai, H. FOGG & Co. Ma-
nila, C. KATH & Co.

Arrivals.

Dec. 9, Japan, American steamer, 4,000.
G. E. Lang, San Francisco, and Yokohama,
November 4, and December 3, General.
P. M. S. S. Co.

Departures.

Dec. 9, Kienchan, H. I. M. g., for Saigon.
9, Le Brethon, do. for Saigon.
9, Enterprise, for Bangkok.
9, Diocoreia, for Tamsui.
9, Mikado, for Saigon.
9, Bertha, for Singapore.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.—Per Japan, from San Fran-
cisco, Mrs. Ward and child,
Messrs. Merry, U. S. N. J. S. Ogdon, C.
Klink, Revd. J. Carrington and wife, Revd.
S. B. Partridge and wife, Revd. J. W. Van
Dyke and wife, Mr. D. Ellingsworth, Jun.,
and 683 Chinese in Steamer.
From Yokohama, for Hongkong.—Mr.
Wm. Gaskell and servant, and 4 Chinese.

Shipping Reports.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s Str. Japan, Geo. E.
Lang, Commander, left San Francisco, 4th
November, at noon, with 787 Passengers,
360 packages of Treasure value \$784,225,
and 573 tons of merchandise freight and the
U. S. Mails. November 14th, in lat. 30.00
N., long. 135.26 W., exchanged papers with
the Company's Steamer China, all well on
board. November 19th, in lat. 29.10, long.
127.12, Chung-hing died of general debility.
Same day, the body was embalmed by the
Surgeon of the ship. December 7th, at
10 p.m., passed the P. & O. steamer Norvia.
Same evening at 9.54 p.m., arrived at Yokohama,
discharged 67 Passengers, 88 packages of Specie,
value \$198,993.63, and 407 tons of Merchandise.
Received on board 5 Passengers, and 508
packages of Merchandise. Left on Decem-
ber 3rd for this port. Since leaving Yokohama,
have experienced very pleasant weather.
The health of passengers and crew unexcep-
tionable. December 7th, at 10 p.m. Tuck
Why, aged 42, a native of Canton, died of
Epilepsy. December 7th, at 5.20 p.m., off
Alligator Island, passed French mail steamer
bound North and East.

CONSIGNEES.—Rev. S. L. Baldwin (Singa-
pore); J. B. Caldwell (Poonchow); Fook-
on-wo; Hong-sing; Kan-yuen & Co.; Lee-
ping; Wing-yun & Co.; Smith Archer & Co.;
Pan-wan; Pong-pook; Boston Jack;
Order; J. Thompson; Lane, Crawford
& Co.; Russell & Co.; Kwong-yo-sing;
Kwong-ye-gee; Kwong-chang-sing; Ah-
choy; Hong-yue-ching; Lun-wo-jan & Co.;
Mau-wool-sam; Capt. J. P. Ward; W.
H. Foster; J. W. Torrey; S. E. Bur-
rows and Sons; Olyphant & Co.; J. B.
Smith; C. Hess; John Middleton; B.
K. Emuens; G. M. Mitchell; F. K.
Banagar; E. P. Mortwalla; Wm. Fustan
& Co.; Ladd & Co.; Order.
CONSIGNEES FOR SPECIE.—Chafed Mer-
cautile Bank of India, London and China;
Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Carlowitz &
Co.; Lung-wan; Sin-chong-chung & Co.; Hong-
tai-on & Co.; Kwong-yuen-lay; Pung-tuck;
Chong-woo; Kwong-sang-yuen & Co.; W.
sing & Co.; Kwong-sin-chong & Co.; W.
hing & Co.; Lee-ping; Yee-wo-chong & Co.;
Lam-wo-jan; Fook-on-wo & Co.; Wing-
mow-cheung & Co.; Yee-onn & Co.; Kwong-
cheong-long; Wing-cheong-cut & Co.;
Chum-chong-wing; Hang-tion; Kwong-
wo-sing; Melchers & Co.

New Advertisements.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE General Dividend of Dollars Three
Hundred and Fifty (\$350) will be pay-
able at the office of the Company, where
Shareholders are requested to apply for
Warrants, on and after the 15th inst.
By order,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
General Agents.
Hongkong, December 9, 1868. ja8

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain TOWNS, will have
immediate despatch for the
above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, December 9, 1868.

STEAM TO
SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.
HEP & O. Co.'s S.S.
"FORMOSA,"
will leave for the above places at 10 a.m.
on Friday, the 11th inst.
W. MACAULAY,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 9, 1868. de11

New Advertisements.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., beg
to call attention to their new
GOODS for the Season, received per
recent arrivals.

For Christmas Tables.

Mince Meat, Musatels, Figs.
Raisins, Crystallized Fruits.
Currants, Plum Puddings.
Rich Oakes, Dessert Biscuits.
Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel.
Fricassées de Grenouilles.
Pork Cutlets, Truffled Sausages.
Whitebait, Venison, Salmon.
Truffles, Vanilla, Boudons.
Prunes, Dessert Fruits.
Rose Water Crackers.
Cheddar, Albert and Stilton Cheese.
Krug's Champagne.
Glenlivet Whiskey.
Port, Sherries, Bass.
Liqueurs in great variety.
Oilmans' Stores of first rate quality.
&c., &c., &c.

For the Children.

A splendid assortment of Toys.
Christmas Tree Ornaments.
Games and Books of Games.
Illustrated Gift Books.
Rooking Horses—Dragées.
A Child's Swing.

For Christmas and New Year's Gifts.

Parian Statuettes.
Perfume Cases.
Dressing Cases.
Writing Cases.
Vases.
Richly-bound and Illustrated Books.
Stereoscopes, Slides and Boxes.
Fancy boxes of Bonbons.
Photographic Albums.
Cigar Magazines and Cases.
Pipes and Cigar Tubes.
&c., &c., &c.

In General New Stock.

Sporting Gear of all kinds.
Shooting Coats and Boots.
Racing and other Saddlery and
Whips.
Mantelpieces, Grates, Fenders and
Irons.
Overland Trunks, Railway Valises.
Croquet Sets, Athletic Gear.
Perfumery and Brushes.
Wall-papers in large variety.
Sheet Lead, Sten-plates.
Electro-Plate in good selection.
A large Invoice of Standard Works.
Novels, Books on Athletics, &c.
Fashionable Collars, Ties & Scarves.
Carpets, Rugs, and Curtains.
Sticks and Umbrellas.
Tweeds, Coatings and Flannels.
And,
Many other seasonable GOODS.
Hongkong, December 9, 1868. ja2

P. M. S. S. Co. Str. "JAPAN," FROM
SAN FRANCISCO.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the ves-
sel will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.
GEO. F. BOWMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 9, 1868. de15

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM SHIP
COMPANY.
The Steamship
"JAPAN,"
Captain GEORGE E. LANE,
will sail from Hongkong for
Yokohama and San Francisco, on the 15th
instant, at 3 p.m. precisely.
No Freight received after Noon of the
15th instant.
Passengers are requested to be on board
at 2 p.m., day of sailing.
GEO. F. BOWMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 9, 1868. de15

W. B. DICK & Co.'s "EXTINCTEUR."
HE Undersigned, as Agents for the Pa-
tentees, are prepared to take Orders
for or sell the above at Original Prices, re-
duced at 4/2 per dollar, with an addition of
15 per cent. for freight and charges.
Models can be seen at the premises of
the undersigned.
Prices:—
For Engine, 3/ \$0.80.
No. 3, 24 \$22. 3/ \$0.80.
No. 4, 24 10/ 325. 4/ \$1.10.
No. 5, 25 6/ 420. 5/6 \$1.50.
No. 6, 26 6/ 435. 7/ \$1.90.
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, December 8, 1868. ja8

New Advertisements.
Ex "Mikado," and "Whitehall."
MISS ROSE
HAS received a Choice Selection of French
and English Fancy GOODS, suitable
for BIRTHDAY and CHRISTMAS PRE-
SENTS, also TOYS, in great variety.
Quilling, Surges, Rops, plain and printed
Flannels, Prints, Calicos, Merino, and all
the newest designs in WOOLLEN GOODS.
Blankets, Huckaback and Turkish Tow-
elling, Bath Blankets, &c., &c.
And, per last Overland Mail,
Ladies' & Children's Hats and Bonnets.
Silk Velvets, Valenciennes, and Cloth Jack-
ets, in the latest styles.
WELLINGTON STREET,
Opposite the Catholic Chapel.
Hongkong, December 8, 1868.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
HAIR DRESSING SALOON.
OPEN from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. on Sundays,
8 to 12 A.M., for any Gentlemen who
may feel the necessity of having any tonorial
operation performed.
W. P. MOORE,
Hongkong, December 8, 1868. ja8

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.
THE Half-yearly MEETING of the
CHAMBER has been postponed to Thurs-
day next, the 10th inst., at 3 p.m. Mem-
bers are requested to attend.
By order,
J. W. WOOD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 8, 1868. de10

BELLEVUE HOUSE.
PRIVATE BOARD AND LODGING
ESTABLISHMENT.
Rollywood Road, No. 6, next to the
HOTEL D'EUROPE, lately Mrs. VINTOR'S.
CHARLES F. HARBURG.
Hongkong, December 8, 1868.

THEATRE & REPERTOIRE,
General & Commission Agents
NAGASAKI.

Entertainments.
HONGKONG AMATEUR THEA-
TRICAL SOCIETY, 1867-68.

THE Committee have the pleasure to an-
nounce that an Extra Performance
will be given at the LUTHERAN THEATRE, on
Thursday Evening,
the 10th inst.

When will be performed the Farce
"TURN HIM OUT."
And the Burlesque Extravaganza
"TELL WITH A VENGEANCE."
Doors open at 8 o'clock; Performance
to commence at 8.30 precisely.

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., where a plan of
the Theatre may be seen.
Prices:—Boxes, \$18; Stalls, \$3.
H. HARRINGTON NELSON,
Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, December 3, 1868. de10

73rd REGIMENT THEATRICALS.
BAND AMATEUR SOCIETY.

BY the kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel
G. J. BURNE,
The Members of the above will perform
at the
GARRISON THEATRE,
North Barracks,
on
Friday and Saturday,
the 11th and 12th December, 1868.

The Grand Comic Operatic Extravaganza,
BY
Messrs A. HALLIDAY and F. LAWRENCE,
Entitled
"KENILWORTH,"
or
YE QUEEN, YE EARLE, AND YE MAYDENNE.

Queen Elizabeth,.....Mr. E. MALONE
Earle of Leicester,.....Mr. G. INGLAN
Amy Robsart,.....Miss LOTTIE MAGILL
Walter Raleigh,.....Mr. F. W. BARKLEY
Treilian,.....Mr. T. H. BARNARD
Duke of Sussex,.....Mr. W. SNOW
Janet,.....By a Girl of the Period
Varny,.....Mr. F. MACKEY
Wayland Smith,.....Mr. J. BULL
Michael Lamborne,.....Mr. W. BEDFORD
Tony Foster, alias,.....Mr. M. CARMON
Fire the Pagot,.....Mr. T. HARDING.
Giles Gosling,.....Mr. T. HARDING.

To conclude with the laughable Farce in
one act, by
JOHN MADISON MORAN, Esq.,
Entitled
"MY PRECIOUS BETSEY."
Orchestra by the remainder of the Band.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.
Reserved Seats,.....\$2.00.
Front Seats,.....1.00.
Back Seats,.....0.20.

Tickets to be had from the Manager at
Murray Barracks and at the Door of the
Theatre on the Night of Performance.
Doors open at half-past 8; Performance
to commence at 9 o'clock.
Manager,.....CORP. EDWARD WALSH.
VIVAT REGINA.

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
BOWRA & Co. will sell by Public
Auction, on
THURSDAY,
10th Dec, 1868, at 4 p.m.—
On Parade Ground; (kindly placed
at their disposal by the Commandant of
the Garrison.)
No. 1—The Race Horse Marquis, win-
ner of several races here and at
Shanghai.
2—A Bay Australian Gelding, a
good hack.
3—2 Bay Mares, fast in Harness
(stud bred).
4—A Half-bred Arab Pony, quiet
to ride or drive in Harness.
5—A North-China Pony, quiet un-
der Saddle and in Harness.
6—A Manila Pony with Trap and
Harness complete.
7—A Roan Canton Pony and Trap
complete.
8—A Cream-colored Pony and Trap
complete.
9—A Grey Canton Pony, quiet in
Saddle or Harness.
Several suits of Horse-clothing com-
plete, Rollers, Kneecaps, Saving Boots,
Etc., etc., etc.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All lots with all faults and errors of de-
scription whatsoever at purchaser's risk
upon full of hammer.
Hongkong, December 4, 1868. de10

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned will sell by Public
Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 10th December, 1868, at 12 o'clock,
at his Sales Room, Commercial Bank
Buildings,
50 doz. Day & Martin's Blacking.
100 doz. pairs Children's Socks assort-
ed colors and sizes.
75 doz. pairs Men's white Lambs-
wool & Hose.
10 doz. pairs summer brown cotton
& Hose.
10 doz. pairs Saxony & Hose.
100 doz. pairs Women's Hose.
100 doz. pairs Men's white cotton
& Hose.
100 doz. pairs scarlet and black striped
worsted & Hose.
50 doz. pairs colored Merino Gloves.
25 doz. pairs Men's Alexandre Gloves.
25 doz. stained Combs.
6 large Mirrors, gilt Frames and
Tops, 60 by 43 inches.
12 handsome Time Pieces.
25 boxes yellow Soap.
100 boxes fancy Soap.
50 gross patent safety Matches.
20 doz. Sailor's Knives.
20 doz. condensed Milk.
And,
For account of whom it may concern,
10 casks quarts Beer.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, December 8, 1868. de10

Banks.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman, GEORGE JOHN HELLAND, Esq.
Deputy Chairman, GEO. F. HEARD, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq. JAMES B. TAYLOR,
SOLOMON D. SASSOON, Esq.
JAS. P. DUNCANSON, Esq.
JULIUS MENKE, Esq. ROBERT ROWETT, Esq.
E. R. BELLING, Esq.

Managers.
Hongkong, VICTOR KRESSER, Esq.
Shanghai, DAVID MACLEAN, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " "
Local Bills Discounted,
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.
VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation,
No. 4, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, June 17, 1868.

EASTLACK & WINN,
Surgeon, Dentist,
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Marseilles,
and Southampton;
ALSO,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.
HE PASSENGER IS ALSO OBLIGED TO
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"MALTA," Captain HYDE, with
Majesty's Mail, Passenger, Specie, and
Cargo, will leave this for the above places,
on TUESDAY, 15th December, at 9 A.M.
CARGO will be received on board until
Noon, and SPECIE until 4 p.m. on the
14th December.
For particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES
ARE REQUIRED.
A written declaration of the Contents and
Value of the Packages for the Overland Route
is required by the Egyptian Government, and
must be delivered by the Shippers to the Com-
pany's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or
with Parcels; and the Company do not hold
themselves responsible for any detention or
prejudice which may happen from incorrect-
ness on such declaration.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Black Bills of Lading.
W. MACAULAY, Superintendent,
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 7, 1868. de15

THROUGH U. S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.
STEAMERS of this line will be despatch-
ed as follows:—
Japan, Dec. 16.
Costa Rica will leave Shanghai on or
about same date, connecting at Yokohama
with above-named steamers.
Passengers ticketed through to California,
Mexico, Central and South America, the
Atlantic States, and to England or France,
both via New York and by lines from Pa-
nama and Aspinwall.
Return tickets issued at a reduction of
10% upon the whole amount for the round
voyage.
Connections are made at Panama with
Steam Lines upon the West Coast of Cen-
tral and South America, at Aspinwall with
the "Royal West India Mail Line," "West
India and Pacific Steamship Company,"
(Limited) and the "French Transatlantic
Company." And, at New York, with the
various lines to Europe. Tickets issued
for the following Steamship Lines: Cun-
nard, Inman, National, General Transat-
lantic Co., New York and Havre Steam-
ship Co., Hamburg and American Packet
Co., New York and Bremen Steamship
Co., and North German Lloyd's.

Favorable arrangements have been made
for through passengers and freight to Ame-
rica, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore,
and from Swatow, Amoy and Fookow.
Through Bills of Lading given for Ports
of Mexico and on the West Coast of Cen-
tral and South America to as far as Valpa-
raiso, to New York, Liverpool, Southampton
and St. Nazaire, France.
Freight to United States payable in ad-
vance in Mexican Dollars, or on delivery
in American Gold Coins with 8 per cent ad-
ditional, at shipper's option.
For further information, apply at the
Agency of the Company, Praya West.
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent.

Shipping.
FOR YOKOHAMA DIRECT.
The A 1 Russian steam-
ship
"SHAFTESBURY,"
Captain ATKIN, will meet
with quick despatch for
the above port.
For Freight, &c., apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, November 12, 1868. tt.

FOR SAIGON.
The A 1 North-German Brig
"GAZELLE,"
Captain GREEN, will be despatched
hence on or about the 10th
inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, December 5, 1868. 10ds

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
The A 1 British ship
"KEBUL,"
of 822 Tons Register.
For Particulars, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, December 4, 1868. 10ds

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 British ship
"LOUISA,"
Capt. LANSBORN, will load here
and at Whampoa, and have
quick despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, November 12, 1868.

Shipping.
FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American barque
"STEELE,"
(BUILT IN 1866.)
of 468 Tons Register, HARDING,
Master, having the greater portion of her
cargo engaged, will load here, and at
Whampoa, and have early despatch for the
above port.
For Freight, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, October 29, 1868. tt.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
To follow the "Marie."
The British ship
"GOLDEN HORN,"
Captain RICE, will have early
despatch for the above port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1868.

FOR MADRAS DIRECT.
The
"NAWORTH CASTLE,"
Capt. LINCOLN, will be de-
patched on or about the 13th
inst.
For Freight apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, November 23, 1868.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
The A 1 British ship
"ROSLIN CASTLE,"
JAS. ALEXANDER, Master, of
644 tons Register.
For particulars, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 21, 1868. de21

FOR SALE.
The A 1 North German Brig
"GAZELLE,"
of 196 Tons Register, built in
1865 all of Oak copper-fastened
and coppered. She ranges 9 1/2 L.I. in
Veritas until May 1873. The vessel is in
first rate order.
Apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, October 21, 1868. tt.

FOR NAGASAKI.
The A 1 British schooner
"CITY OF NIAGARA,"
MITCHELL, Master, having en-
gaged the larger portion of her
Cargo, will meet with quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, November 23, 1868. tt.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The N. G. barque
"MARIE,"
Captain KLENCKE, will have
prompt despatch for the above
port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1868.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
The first class French ship
"LA PLATA,"
JUBIN, Master, of 444 tons re-
gister.
For particulars, apply to
FREDERIC DRENAER.
Hongkong, November 2, 1868.

Notices to Consignees.
THE following cases have been landed
and stored at the risk and expense of
the Consignees, who are requested to take
immediate delivery.
Ex "Donna," 7th January, 1868.
RT 551 1 Case Paper.
B Ex "Hoogly," 31st October, 1868.
VO 227 1 case Arms
Ex "Imperatrice," 4th Dec. 1868.
Glaume 1 case Paper.
C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.
Hongkong, December 9, 1868.

"WHITEHALL" FROM LONDON.
THE above named vessel having arrived
in harbour, Consignees of cargo are
requested to send in their Bills of Lading
to the Undersigned for countersignature,
and take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the ves-
sel will be landed and stored at Consig-
nees' risk and expense.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, November 23, 1868. tt

"ROSLIN CASTLE" FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
countersignature and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the ves-
sel will be landed and stored at Consig-
nees' risk and expense.
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 20, 1868.

Notices of Firms.
NOTICE.
MR C. J. H. SCHRODER, is authorised to
sign our Firm per procuration, from
this date.
SCHWANBECK & THIEL.
Saigon, November 14, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
WILLIAM NELSON in our Firm ceased
on the 30th June last.
Mr. THOMAS PIM, Mr. WILLIAM NISSEY
Omsredo and Mr. H. SEYMOUR GILBY are
authorised to sign our Firm in Hongkong
and China from this date.
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, October 6, 1868.

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201 & Co.
ANALYTICAL
SIS

FACTURERS.

Hosts supplied
"TRACTED."
DISPENSARY
on Street,
1868.

ing PURCHASED
"WANDU STRAM
the Public of Hong-
that he is prepared
of Soft BREAD
by part of the Co.

best quality and at
hand or baked in

Soda and Sugar
Tin or Pound.
MEAL, HOMINY,
ARB. SODA, SAL-
AR.
ands constantly on
Barrel, Bag, Tin or

aked to order.
The Superintendence
and all orders
Bakery, or left at
Co.'s will receive

L. P. WARD.
17, 1868.

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Siamese barque,
November 30, Gene-
fish steamer, 615,
7 and 7 wato, De-
eral.-D. LAPRAIK

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 1868.

CUBA.

THE news from Cuba by to-day's mail is remarkably different from that to hand but a few days since via Great Britain. So far from a peaceable acknowledgment of the provisional Government, the whole island is in a blaze of insurrection. The Cuban Revolutionary Junta has published a notification, under date of Oct. 23, declaring that the official accounts of the state of affairs are "false and unreliable."

The Revolution is steadily progressing, "and will only die out when Spanish rule in Cuba shall have ceased to exist."

The revolutionists appear to have full sway over a very large section of the country, and, according to the American papers, the Guerilla chief who is heading the rebellion has 4000 whites and 6000 negroes under his orders. And so humanity will have its triumph! The atrocities of the Cuban Slave Trade and the scarcely less inhuman treatment to which many of the Chinese emigrants to Cuba have been subjected are now in process of retribution. "The whirlwind of time brings about its revenges" in most things, and never more surely than when shuddering humanity has been outraged; and then too to the oppressors! We are not amongst those who approve of the middle-class interference at such a moment of the Abolition Society, albeit their end is a noble one. But we can scarcely condemn a rising on the part of the blacks to avenge long years of suffering endured to glut the Cuban-Spanish greed for gold. Fortunately for her other Colonies they are not incited by the terrible peril of a servile war.

The liberal party in Spain is opposed to slavery, and will doubtless concede gradual abolition the moment they hear how matters stand. To them we heartily wish success in the quiet settlement of the affairs of their distracted country. But as regards all who profit by, or have approved, slavery, we unhesitatingly indulge in the expression of our delight that they are likely to be the sufferers by, perhaps the victims of a rising which they have done so much to provoke.

THE EARTHQUAKE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

THE year 1868 has achieved a lamentable celebrity from causes happily as rare as they are terrible. The fearful earthquake which has destroyed over 60,000 human beings in South America, has happily remained since its occurrence without parallel; but convulsions of more or less force seem to have been felt in nearly every quarter of the world subject to volcanic disturbances. But a day or two since we referred to the shock recently felt in Manila and Java, and to-day's Pacific mail steamer brings us intelligence of a similar occurrence in San Francisco.

Although the latest English papers mentioned the fact, full particulars were not to hand, and it was therefore with much interest that we referred to the files of California papers for information. In satisfying our curiosity we came upon the most comic exhibition of the manner in which our Yankee cousins turn everything to the best account in a journalistic way. The San Francisco Morning Chronicle, a few days after the occurrence, brought out an "illustrated earthquake edition," in which appeared rough wood cuts of the damage done to the gas works, and various public streets and buildings. No! to be outdone, the California China Mail produces pictures (of which the blocks formerly did duty as advertisements, if we mistake not) of some of the principal buildings which were not injured! and labels them, sketch of such and such buildings "as they appeared after the earthquake."

Considerable excitement appears to have been caused by the shock, and lengthy notices have appeared of every item of intelligence connected with it. In another column we have extracted paragraphs giving an account of the occurrence.

LOCAL.

The Himalaya is en route for Hongkong with the 75th Regiment on board to relieve the 76th, and the 26th, as by a ship of the war yesterday stated.

This week shows up well as regards theatricals, as we have a performance every evening after to-night. The Hongkong Amateurs appear in an extra performance to-morrow night, but do not give an extraordinary programme. "William Tell" and "From Him out" are not pieces of an alarming nature, but they will still be represented in a wonderfully pleasing guise. We trust they will. The 73rd Band Amateurs appear to get up a burlesque with as little trouble as they would a farce. No sooner

do they send the Hongkong Amateurs out of the field by producing the burlesque of *Frederico* while the "men of the period" are meditating over and rehearsing it, but now they advertise *Keenworth* for the night after to-morrow to be played on Friday and Saturday. This is what may be called amateur theatricals with a vengeance.

TO-DAY'S POLICE.
Mr. Goodlake sat on the bench; and up to nearly ten o'clock, it seemed imminent that a pair of gloves would become the property of the sitting magistrate. One or two trifling charges, however, arrived from the out-stations shortly before ten o'clock.

Mr. R. Brand, chief officer of the British barque *Lygonium*, charged a coolie with larceny on board ship. It appears that about 100 coolies are engaged on board, and prisoner was found yesterday to have wrestled off a brass plate from the fore-castle ladder, in order to steal the same. He threw it overboard when he was detected; and four other plates were found to be missing. Mr. Goodlake gave prisoner one month's hard labor, and ordered him to be taken "as near to the scene of the offence as convenient" and there to receive fourteen strokes with a rattan, as a warning to other prizing coolies of the same class.

Alexander McLellan, an unemployed seaman, was brought up as a larceny convict. Prisoner gave forth a happy thought; he could get a berth in the *Nacario*. He was accordingly sent on board the said vessel, but the captain would not have the loafer at any price. He was therefore sent to Mr. Douglas for a month, in whose custody "loafing" is strictly forbidden.

SUPREME COURT.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
Dec. 9, 1868.

The Chief Justice sat this morning shortly after eleven.

Mr. Pollard, Q.C., said that he had an application to make, on behalf of the six prosecuting creditors in the bankrupt estate of Pang-wai-ping, for refund of expenses of the prosecution by means of which the fraudulent bankrupt was tried, convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

His Lordship said he had better take it in private. He thought that all such motions in bankruptcy should be taken in Chambers; the case was always circumstances arising which, if published, were sure to do injury to some.

Mr. Pollard agreed with the Judge; there were many cases of that nature; but in this case there were no secrets.

Mr. Hazeland, who appeared for the Official Assignee, contended in Mr. Pollard's remark as to there being nothing in the case. He required concealment. Mr. Francis (for Mr. Goodlake) appeared on behalf of the body of creditors.

Mr. Pollard began by saying that the question was one entirely for his Lordship's discretion, according to the wording of the Bankruptcy Ordinance. By the action of the creditors (his clients) a sum of \$13,000 had been recovered, out of which sum a mortgage had to be paid, leaving something near \$7,000.

Mr. Hazeland said it would shorten the case if he admitted at once that the first question was, whether the commission under the Ordinance was to be allowed upon the \$13,000 or on the \$7,000 merely.

After some discussion, his Lordship decided that it should be allowed upon the latter sum only.

Mr. Pollard then again referred to the terms of the Ordinance, as well as to the Bankruptcy Acts of 1849 and 1861, to show that it was fair and reasonable that the costs should be paid for out of the estate.

The clause in Section 176 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance upon which the application was based is as follows: "Any person who shall after such time voluntarily discover to the Court or to the Assignees any part of such Bankrupt's estate not before come to the knowledge of the Assignees, shall be allowed Five per centum thereupon, and such further reward as the Assignees with the consent of the Court shall think fit; to be paid out of the estate recovered on such discovery." His clients had got the property recovered by absolving one Ling-shing-ping from liability to prosecution, and by paying his expenses to and from Hongkong to release the property concealed by the Bankrupt.

His Lordship: Absolving? But you couldn't.

Mr. Pollard: Well, we did.

His Lordship: Who is he?

Mr. Pollard: The then Official Assignee, Mr. Mason, my lord.

The Chief Justice here remarked that here they were already on the threshold of matters which ought to be secret, and names were mentioned. No one had any right to do so without first obtaining the permission of the Court. But it was done now, at all events.

Mr. Pollard resumed. He said that the commission on the \$7,000 amounted to \$343; but as there were heavy expenses for witnesses, detectives, &c., as well as those more correctly costs of prosecution, he would appeal to the discretion of the Court that part of the same might be allowed.

The Chief Justice said that, on the score of public policy, no one could do more strongly than he did upon the matter of money detained in the hands of bankrupts. Better throw money into the sea than let a bankrupt have it. And upon this ground he would certainly allow a liberal sum for any such object as recovering concealed property. But still it must be done in perfect legal form. He was not sure that he could recognize any prosecution other than that undertaken by the Attorney General.

Mr. Pollard replied shortly, and again impressed upon his Lordship the fact that the fraudulent bankrupt had been put in prison and was now in prison, and that it had only been accomplished by the strong measures taken against the bankrupt's friend Ling-shing-ping.

His Lordship said that of course the thing was done, and whether it had been done properly or not, it was highly meritorious. Mr. Pollard reminded his Lordship that there was no public fund from which to pay any similar costs; and he would therefore ask for a sum, *qua* further reward, which would cover a portion of the expenses incurred by the creditors, and avoid any direct decision as to the costs of the prosecution; no authority for which he had been able to find in the books. His Lordship said he should not like to decide a matter like that, and found a precedent by a side wind. Altogether the prosecuting creditors had spent \$3,900; but of course that was much more than could ever be claimed from the estate. There were expenses of six days' hearing

at the Magistrate, and the Supreme Court trial at which he was convicted, besides the \$392.12 in witness fees. For these expenses, and considering that the amount recovered is almost the entire bulk of assets at the disposal of the Official Assignee, he thought that a further reward of \$1500 might fairly and reasonably be allowed. That sum, with the commission, would make \$1848 - a not very large sum, considering the outlay incurred by the recovering creditors.

His Lordship good-humoredly remarked that Mr. Pollard no doubt would not consider it a large sum; but he thought it was rather large. Mr. Ludlow (Official Assignee) and he (the C. J.) were both of opinion that \$1,500 in lump would meet the case.

Mr. Pollard would not contend further. His Lordship said that very great credit was due to those who had recovered the property and brought the fraudulent bankrupt to justice; and if he thought that the present reward would tend to discourage such action, he would give more. But as the recovering creditors got the residue divided amongst them. No costs of this application were allowed; and his Lordship ordered that the result of the application should appear in the *Chinese Government Gazette*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"MEN OF THE PERIOD" - AGAIN.
To the Editor of the "Chinese Mail."
HONGKONG, Dec. 9th, 1868.

Sir, - Without wishing in any way to espouse the cause of the author of "Men of the Period," published in No. 17 of the *China Mail*, I cannot refrain from making a few remarks relative to a letter which appeared in last night's issue of the *China Mail*. The letter I refer to savours, not a syllable, of bad taste, inasmuch that it makes a vituperative attack upon the conduct of the *China Mail* and its editorial, and says very little indeed about the "Men of the Period," which it was intended to attack.

Critics desirous of making themselves respected do not, as a general rule, attack the publisher - indeed, there would be very little use in so doing; they attack the work itself, and if they have sufficient literary power and sufficient grounds to work upon, they do so with artistic grace, and not in a vulgar blundering manner, which, I think, must most certainly bring the "reviewer" down to a very low standard in the world's opinion. I think the subject already too well favored; a great deal more has been said concerning it than the article merited in the first instance, but when one reads letters altogether irrelevant and insipidly stupid, it is time for men to put on the armour and fight a fair battle on the weaker side. "Men of the Period" was a production, and its publication strongly alluded to it was antagonistic to a degree - and by no means a faithful portrait of European life in China; but it was a *Buquesque* on "Girls of the Period," and spring from the pen of a platitude, viz. that "young men are as a rule more immoral than young women."

With such an assertion no man of common sense can quarrel; but to go further, and to abuse young men as a class, is to say the very least, a dangerous matter. Let us hope Mr. Langdon Davies has learnt a bitter lesson, and that further experience will not be bought at a higher price! We care nothing now for the old saying "To the pure all things are pure" it seems. We have been injured, and we rise like one man to resent the injury - but in the name of justice let us be fair to the fallen, and not throw the wretched example "one of the villified" has set for "our's" obediently.

* Our correspondent is mistaken; the conductor or editor of a magazine, is the only publisher and printer, is the only person responsible to the law and to the public for anything which appears in its columns. - E. C. M.]

ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *Japan*, Captain Lane, arrived this morning about 7 o'clock. We are indebted to the courtesy of Captain Lane for a copy of the *Japan Herald* extra, containing a summary of news, from which we take the following items -

The leading items from San Francisco in the first place an earthquake which occurred on the 24th October, and secondly the intelligence from the United States as to the gains of the Republicans, ending in the election of Grant and Colfax as President and Vice President of the United States for the ensuing term. The complete returns had not been received; for instance, New York although quite believed to have gone for the Democrats is not known by what Majority. The following States have been posted for Grant:

Massachusetts 75,000
Illinois 50,000
New York 50,000
Michigan 40,000
Ohio 40,000
Maine 30,000
New Hampshire 6,000
Wisconsin 20,000
Indiana 10,000
Pennsylvania 20,000
Connecticut 3,000
Kansas 12,000
Nebraska 3,000

The result of California State was not known. The city had gone for the Democrats by about 1,500 votes, but the Republicans had hoped for the State. The election voting (on 3rd instant) passed off very orderly.

In the Earthquake, which occurred on the 24th October, at 8 a.m., happily only four or five lives were lost, with about 25 serious accidents. Had the shock occurred later, when men of business were in their offices and stores situated in streets on a ground, restored from the Urban, the casualties would have been much larger. The shock was more severe than any previous one and was more violent in the outskirts than in the city itself. To attempt anything like a description of the terror inflicted on residents and the varied scenes enacted in the shape of men, women and children rushing into the streets half-dressed would take up columns. Many of the houses swayed a good foot from side to side and the parapets, chimney pots and fire walls came tumbling down very freely. Indeed to walk down the streets in which the houses suffered mostly was simply to

struggle amongst a mass of bricks and mortar. In addition to the banks, offices, stores and other business places which suffered and required more or less re-building, the cost of about half a million dollars, the City Hall and Custom House were so shaken that they had to be vacated and must be pulled down. The wooden houses suffered more loss than any, but with these the plaster is crushed and greatly disfigured and the chimney pots in nearly all cases fell.

The *San Francisco Times* says: - A gentleman who was in the mountains near Pescadero during the earthquake shock, describes the scene as fearfully grand. Huge rounded trees swayed like fishing-rods, and immense dead limbs, detached by the violence of motion, fell to the earth. Large pieces of rock were wristed from the mass of the mountain, and in some instances, rendered the road impassable. The water of Pescadero Creek became muddy in a moment, and the surface was covered with large bubbles. These, when a match was applied to them, burst with a slight report and small flames, showing they were filled with an inflammable gas. This must have come from the bowels of the earth.

At Alamo is a country, a few miles on the other side of the horizon, the heaviest shock was felt, and proportionately by far the greatest amount of damage done. The focus of the convulsion seems to have been somewhere between San Leandro, the country seat, and a small town called Haywards. At the former place not a building escaped damage. The County Court house was thrown down, and the Deputy Clerk, Mr. J. W. Josselyn, was buried under the ruins. The prisoners confined in the jail at the basement were in great danger for a time, but were finally rescued and put in a place of safety.

Nearly all the brick houses here were so injured as to necessitate their demolition, and not a chimney remains standing above the roof. Several curious phenomena occurred in this part of the country. The bed of the San Leandro Creek, which had been dry for several months, is now covered by a stream of water six feet wide and one foot deep. Back of San Leandro, in the mountains, there are numerous fissures in the earth from which come clouds of dust, and from some have come great volumes of water which flow into the San Leandro Creek.

The severity of the shock may be estimated from the fact that a ten feet wide and six feet deep was entirely emptied of water by the movement imparted to it. At Haywood much damage was done also. A large brick warehouse, containing an immense quantity of grain, was thrown down, and nearly every building, hotel, dwelling or store was ruined. The loss here has been estimated at \$150,000. An open crack runs through this town, and it is said to be nine miles in extent; its course by compass is south 53 deg. east. During the earthquake along the line, in rocks, water and sand were thrown up in large quantities.

Several minor shocks have been felt up to the 2nd Nov. and fears entertained that more would follow.

The opposition line of steamers between New York and San Francisco has been withdrawn, and the Pacific Mail Company are left the masters of the route, much to the satisfaction of the respectable portion of the travelling public. Now that the opposition has been "put out," the Pacific Mail Company is putting their house in order and bringing their ships back to that state of comfort for passengers which it was quite impossible to maintain with the rowdy element introduced into "First Class" by the low fares. These gentry will go back to the steerage. The Directors are also giving attention to the establishment of a line to the Atlantic to a port in England. A subsidy for the carrying of the mails will be granted by the United States Government, and is indeed quite necessary for with the enormous competition now existing between the English, German, and French lines running daily, another line will have hard work to pay expenses without a subsidy. It is, however, an anomaly that the American flag does not at present show in its traffic, and the Pacific Mail Company are certainly the most fit to undertake it, as they will set about it with honorable intentions and in a competent manner.

Mr. Stephens, a shareholder in the Panama and New Zealand Steam Company, is in San Francisco prospecting. He leaves for London shortly, and will lay the result of his observations before the Board of Directors. It is quite certain that the Company cannot go on with the present line, which has proved a very losing one in spite of the subsidy. The value of the £10 share in London is, we believe, about £20.

The Dry Dock at Hunter's Point, suitable for the largest vessels, has been completed, and is a magnificent success. It is excavated from the solid rock, and was engineered by A. W. Von Schmidt, with great skill and ability.

The 10th issue of the San Francisco Directory issued by Henry G. Langbein, 1869 is a well produced volume of some 800 pages. The names of 18,000 business firms are recorded. The population is estimated at 147,950, of which 45,000 are whites, male and female, under the ages of 21 and 18 respectively. The females over 18 are estimated at 30,000. These figures are based upon the most reliable data, and they may be regarded as a fair approximation in the absence of an official canvass. The number of buildings erected during the year and up to June 30th, 1868, is estimated at 975, of which 240 are of brick - total number in the city and county 18,000. In addition to these figures, there are a number of costly buildings commenced in 1867 and completed during the past year. The value of improvements for the year ending June 30th 1868, is estimated at \$10,000,000 exclusive of the amount expended by the Department of Streets and Highways of \$5,000,000.

The Pacific Railroad is making rapid strides at both ends. The space now done by stage only takes five or six days; total time from San Francisco to New York 13 to 14 days. The whole line is expected to be completed by next July, when the distance will be run in seven days.

The Pacific Mail Steam Navigation Company are building four new steamers the *Potomac*, *Magellan*, *Andes*, and *Cordoba*, to be completed next April, which are intended for the Liverpool and Valparaiso line, via the Straits. The regular time of these steamers on the trip is expected to be forty-two days.

THE SPANISH REVOLUTION.

The revolution in Cuba, so far from having died out, is steadily progressing, and will only die out when Spanish rule in Cuba shall have expired. Government is about to send reinforcements to Cuba to quell the rising blacks. The city of Havana

has been authorized to borrow 10,000,000 of crowns for the completion of the Isidor Canal.

The Central Provisional Junta in Spain has held its last session. Resolutions were adopted urging the abolition of capital punishment, and the removal of the convict prisons from Spain to Africa and the Philippine Islands, and the formation of volunteer fire associations throughout the country. It also recommended all local Provisional Juntas to follow this example, the Central Junta dissolved.

The moderate and clerical parties are forming a coalition and will vote for the same candidates as the elections for constituent Cortes. The Central Provisional Junta has issued a circular to their diplomatic representatives at foreign Courts, urging them to explain the origin and progress of the revolution. It advocates the sovereignty of the people and religious freedom. The future form of Government is not announced, but the circular states that though the example of the United States is not followed, the friends of freedom need feel no discouragement. No foreign intervention is apprehended. The Provisional Government seeks to put Spain on a level with the friendly relations of foreign Governments with Spain while under the late oppressive regime will be continued-unbroken.

At a large meeting speeches were made and resolutions adopted in favour of the abolition of slavery throughout the Spanish dominions.

Princess Napoleon has written a letter to General Prim, advocating the claims of the Duke of Aosta to the throne of Spain.

The news is fully confirmed that Prussia, Italy, Portugal, Belgium, France and Great Britain have full relations with the new Government of Spain.

The Swedish Polar expedition has returned, after penetrating to the 82nd degree of latitude.

Maps are said to be prepared by order of the French Government and been issued, to show that the Emperor has strictly regarded the frontiers as laid down in treaties with neighboring powers. It is inferred that this explanation is made to cover the Emperor's abandonment of a war policy.

New York, November 2nd. - A Barcelona special of yesterday says that the workshops and manufactories of the city have been closed, in consequence of the free trade decrees issued by the Provisional Government. The workmen of the city who have been deprived of their work, have assembled and are actually threatening to break into the grain stores and bakeries. The military have been called out, and several arrests have been made.

ENGLAND.

THE ALBAMA CLAIMS.

The following is stated to be the terms of the protocol entered into by Lord Stanley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Leverdy Johnson, the Minister of the United States, for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims:-

A Mixed Commission, consisting of eight persons appointed by Great Britain and eight appointed by the United States, to sit in London, and examine every claim presented, whether English or American; each case to be signed by claimant, and represented either in person or by counsel. The Commission will make the final award. All questions of international law are to be referred to the arbitration of Russia. The protocol awaits the approval of Secretary Seward.

The British Government declines to recognize the rights claimed by the Hudson Bay Company in the territory between Canada and the Pacific coast.

The following have been named in Liberal circles as the probable cast of the new English Ministry: - Premier, Gladstone; Foreign Secretary, Earl Russell; Home Secretary, John Bright; Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hugh Gulling; Children; Lord Chancellor, Sir Romell Palmer; Secretary of War, Marquis Hartington.

Gladstone has concluded a personal canvass of South Lancashire. It is believed that the Ministry will only retire before a large Liberal majority in the next House of Commons. It is stated that the Queen will oppose the abolition of churches in Ireland, carried in the last session by the Liberals.

George Francis Train has published addresses to the American people, bidding Irishmen to vote for Grant, adducing proofs to show that the Democratic party is friendly to England. He denounces Tammany Hall, and declares that the voters of the Fifth Congressional District must take him as an independent candidate, or not at all.

Light shocks of earthquakes were felt in various places in Cork county, Ireland, 14 20th Oct., and at Leamington, Warwick, on 31st.

Rotterdam, November 1. - The riots which occurred here were not of a political character. The quarrel arose between the citizens and the police. The latter were overpowered, when troops were sent from Hague to restore order. A severe contest took place in the streets between the troops and people. Three men were killed and about one hundred wounded. Up to this morning six arrests of parties implicated have been made. The city is now quiet, and under the guardianship of the military.

A draft of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment, consisting of about 150 men, in charge of Capt. Stammers, Lieut. Broughton, and Ensign Dale, was under orders for Japan, and would probably leave England in October by a vessel either direct for Yokohama or via Hongkong.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Dates from the isthmus of Panama extend to the 19th October by the steamer *Constitution*. The Government was still in a disorganized condition, and to say that civil war was raging would convey about as much news as if applied to China or Japan. In Panama they seem to have a peculiar way of carrying it out. The following items are from the *Panama Star* and *Herald*:

A Government has been established in Chiriqui by the conservative party, who refuse to acknowledge the Provisional Government of Panama. So there are two Governments on the Isthmus. A military force was to be sent from Panama to settle the question. Some dozen native gentlemen were invited to the Government House on important business, which they found on getting there was for the purpose of borrowing from them the sum of \$6000, on refusing to loan which they were looked up for the night. After turning the matter over in their minds, they all, except two, concluded to consent to comply with the request of the President, and on giving their notes for the amount, they were set at liberty.

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Insufficiently stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with the fee of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 7 A.M. on the 15th Instant will not be forwarded unless the Late Fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 8 P.M. on the 14th Instant, will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coins, but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 14th inst.

F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, December 7, 1868. dcl5

Post-Office Notifications.

of a Money Order, or to renew a lapsed Order. The additional Commission in the last case will be deducted from the amount of the new Order. Lapsed Orders must be presented with the application for a new Order.

12.—But when it is desired that any error in the name of the Remitter or Payee should be corrected or that the amount of a Money Order should be repaid to the Remitter, or that a Lapsed Order should be removed for payment in the Country in which the Order was originally drawn, application must be made to the Chief Money Order Office of such Country. This application must be accompanied by an additional Commission, unless it have reference to a Lapsed Order, in which case the Commission will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

13.—Repayment whether of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been cancelled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.

14.—Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn; for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July, otherwise the Order will become lapsed, and a new Order (for which a second Commission, to be deducted from the amount of the Order, will be charged) will become necessary.

15.—If an Order be not paid before the end of the Twelfth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn, for instance, if drawn in January and not paid before the end of the following January—all claim to the Money will be forfeited, unless, under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.

16.—After once paying a Money Order by whomsoever presented, the paying Office will not be liable to any further claim. If a wrong payment, however, be made owing to negligence on the part of any Officer of the Post Office, the Postmaster General of the Country or Colony in which the negligence occurs will, if he see fit, require the Officer in fault to make good the loss.

17.—No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received.

18.—Additional Rules for greater security against fraud, and for the better working of the system generally will be made as occasion may require.

19.—Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, either in the United Kingdom or at Hongkong, Shanghai or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of increasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.

By Command, F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 22nd August, 1868.

DOCK.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the Eight call of Fifty Dollars on the new Stock of the above named Company is due on the 1st March next and will be payable at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum will be charged after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors, GEORGE N. MINYO, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 1, 1868. mar1

FOOCHOW GRANITE FLOORED DOCK.

THE above Dock has been in full working order for the last four years. Length 300 feet, width at bottom 40 feet, depth of water on the sill, springs, average 17 feet, neaps 14 feet. The Dock in ordinary tides runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.

For further particulars as to the price of cooping, &c., &c., apply to F. D. TULLOCH, Esq., Messrs De Silve & Co., Hongkong; Messrs Boyd & Co., Shanghai; or to the Undersigned.

In connection with the above is the powerful Twin Screw Tug "WOOSUNG." Vessels requiring the services of this Tug either from Matsou (where a splendid anchorage will be found during the S.W. monsoon) or from the White Dogs, can obtain them at moderate rates, on application to

JOHN C. SKEY, Manager.

Pagoda Anchorage, River Min.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

THE Company respectfully call the attention of Ship Owners, Consignees and Masters of Vessels, to their Establishment at Hongkong and Whampoa, for the DOCKING and REPAIRING of Vessels of all classes.

At Hongkong the Company have the only Dock in the harbour, a Granite Dock, solidly built, and of dimensions to admit Ships of 360 feet in length, and drawing 22 feet of water.

Attached to it there are Shipwrights, Blacksmiths, Boiler makers and Machinery works, and everything necessary for the Repairs of Sailing Vessels or Steamers.

The Company have also opened a Shipyard by the side of the Hongkong Dock, and are ready to contract for the construction of Steamers or Sailing Vessels of any size.

At Whampoa the Company have four Docks, in which they will take Ships at reduced rates.

The Steam Tug "LITTLE ORPHEAN" can be engaged to tow Vessels to sea, or berth them, at reasonable rates.

For particulars, apply to JOHN INGLIS, Acting Secretary.

Or to A. D. MITCHELL, Manager of Works.

Company's Office, H. kong Hotel Building, Hongkong, October 10, 1868.

Insurances.

JOEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LONDON.

Incorporated 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1838.

CAPITAL, £500,000.

Managing Agents in China, — Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong.

Medical Referee, — J. IVOR MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Managing Agents in China.

Hongkong, June, 1867.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, — TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matchboxes, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information apply to ARNOLD KARBURG & Co. Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

JAVA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents at Hongkong and Canton for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, on Buildings, or on Merchandise in the same.

ARNOLD KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, July 27, 1868. 27Jan-69

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged on short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " "

Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " "

Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

ARNOLD KARBURG & Co. Agents, Lancashire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 14, 1868.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIVERPOOL, AND LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPHRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 28, 1868.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at the Ports of Tientsin and Shanghai, are prepared to Grant Policies of MARINE INSURANCE at current rates.

DODD & Co. Tientsin, 10th August, 1868. tf

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £80,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, August 24, 1864. tf

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 " "

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " "

Above 6 months, The full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurances, viz:—

Detached and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent.

Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, March 6, 1865.

Insurances.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 20, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REMOVED TO THE RATES OF PREMIUM. Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GILMAN & Co. Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company. Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged in Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate.

Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 " "

Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " "

Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

GILMAN & Co. Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809, CAPITAL £2,000,000.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,233,927. ANNUAL REVENUE £497,263.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & Co. Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868. tf

NOTICE.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/4 per cent.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.

Above 6 months, The full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Agents. Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding £5,000.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868. tf

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE following rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances:—

One month, 1/4 per cent.

Three months, 1/2 " "

Six months, 3/4 " "

Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co. General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, — TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co. Hongkong, May 20, 1869.

Insurances.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date, the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " "

Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " "

Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co. Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the World.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co. Agents. Hongkong, November 7, 1867.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/4 of the annual rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.

Above 6 months, The full annual rate.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co. Agents the Queen Insurance Company. Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at Current Rates.

OLYMPHANT & Co. Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

NOTICE.

GUARDIAN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1821.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company for Hongkong and Canton are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

OLYMPHANT & Co. Hongkong, July 17, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)

£2 per cent. per Annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years' standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assurers.

An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without referring to Head-quarters.

By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company.

No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.

Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2 10s. per Cent. for Foreign Risk, will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe:—

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